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Mayor Small Releases Results of Stanley Holmes Village Inspection; Data Sent to Atlantic City Housing Authority

Atlantic City, N.J. (December 15, 2022) – During a news conference, today, at City Hall, Mayor Marty Small Sr., along with the City of Atlantic City Department of Licensing and Inspection, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Office of Emergency Management, publicly released the findings of inspections that began last week at Stanley Holmes Village in Atlantic City.

As of yesterday, inspectors went into 320 of the 415 units (77-percent). Three attempts were made to get into the remaining 95 units. Inspections started Wednesday of last week.

“The units all now have heat,” said City of Atlantic City Director of Licensing and Inspection Dale Finch. “I think our action to force action assisted with getting that accomplished. Some units still had heat issues. There remain concerns with the heating system. Some units had hot water issues too. There were malfunctioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Infestation of mice, bed bugs and roaches were a horrendous problem, and that’s just not acceptable. Mold issues too, that has to be addressed. Some stoves and ovens were malfunctioning. A few bathrooms had plumbing issues. If we did an occupancy inspection in these units, not a single one would pass.”

The results of the inspection (listed on the next page) were sent to the Atlantic City Housing Authority. Stanley Holmes Village falls under the Housing Authority. The City of Atlantic City has no jurisdiction over the Housing Authority, it’s run by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Housing Authority did not provide the City of Atlantic City with a rent roll, assistance handing out flyers to make the residents aware of the inspections, or assistance getting into the units where nobody was home when the inspectors arrived.

The City has given the Housing Authority a notice of violation. The City has a meeting scheduled next week with the Housing Authority to discuss the next steps. Meetings with the Housing Authority are scheduled to occur on a weekly basis.

“I want to thank our leadership team that helped my administration gather this data,” said Mayor Small. “They put everything on hold for a week to inspect these units. The numbers show these residents continue to live in inhumane conditions. This is a HUD issue, but we’re stepping in because the people at Stanley Holmes don’t deserve to live like this. Nobody deserves to live like this. We need to take action not now, but right now, and that’s what we are doing by handing out the violation notices, which will turn into fines if the Housing Authority does not get its act together.”

The City will be distributing blankets to the units dealing with heating issues. Based on the results of the inspection, it is not determined the residents need space heaters at this time. The City has researched the appropriate space heaters to utilize, and will distribute those space heaters to residents if at any point it is deemed necessary.

Stanley Holmes Summary of Inspection Findings (as of 12/14)				
415 Units - 95 No Entry - 320 Units Inspected - 77% Inspected				
Issue	Village 1	Village 2	Village 3	Total
Heat *	20	21	26	67
Hot Water*	14	20	11	45
Smoke Detector Malfunction	13	16	28	57
Carbon Monoxide Detector Malfunction	11	14	26	51
Infestation - Mice, Roaches, Bed Bugs	52	59	109	220
Mold Intrusion	42	23	41	106
Stove/Oven Malfunction	19	16	25	60
Refrigerator Malfunction	9	5	6	20

*Indicates an issue; Does not indicate the unit is lacking this entirely

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